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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector,

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Agents

OF THE

TOWN OF LEE, N. H.,

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31,

1921.



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DOVER, N. H.

TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR

GEORGE A. DUDLEY.

SELECTMEN,

HORACE G. HILL,

BENJAMIN LANG

PERRY L. HARVEY.

TOWN CLERK,

FRED P. COMINGS.

TREASURER,

GEORGE A. DUDLEY.

TAX COLLECTOR,

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON.

SUPERVISORS,

NORMAN I. SNELL,

ARTHUR J. THOMPSON.

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON,

HELEN B. McRAE

FRED P. COMINGS

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND,

JAMES B. WALKER,

FRED C. YORK,

WALTER D. SMITH.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

JUSTIN O. WELLMAN.

AUDITORS,

ARTHUR J. THOMPSON,

GORHAM SAWYER.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lee, N. H., in the County of Strafford in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Lee on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To see if the town will vote, raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to secure State Aid for Highways.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100 for control of the White Pine Blister Rust.

5. To bring in your ballots upon each of the questions submitted by the Convention to Revise the Constitution relative to the amendments proposed by said Convention at a session held on January 28, 1921.

Given under our hands and seal:

HORACE G. HILL,
BENJAMIN LANG,
PERRY L. HARVEY,

Selectmen of Lee.

A true copy of Warrant—ATTEST:

HORACE G. HILL,
BENJAMIN LANG,
PERRY L. HARVEY,

Selectmen of Lee.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Inventory of the Town of Lee for the year 1920.

	No.	Valuation.
Polls,	159	
Lands and Buildings,		\$371,790
Horses,	189	21,830
Mules,	2	100
Oxen,	6	850
Cows,	342	26,755
Neat Stock,	57	3,080
Sheep,	149	1,490
Hogs,	9	270
Fowls,	798	1,596
Portable Mills,	6	3,500
Stock in National Banks,		550
Money on hand,		3,539
Stock in trade,		5,400
Mills and Machinery,		11,300
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		\$540,968
Soldeirs' Exemption,		4,945
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Total Valuation,		\$536,023

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

For the Year Ending January 31, 1921.

Total Valuation,		\$540,968
Soldiers' Exemption,		4,945
Reduced Valuation,		536,023
Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.91		
Tax on reduced valuation,	\$10,161.84	
159 Polls,	779.00	
Tax for all purposes,		\$10,942.84

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:

State Tax,	\$1,717.00
County Tax,	1,094.57
School Tax,	4,191.00
Highways,	1,271.21
State Road,	700.00
State Road Maintenance,	300.00
Library,	25.25
New Town Plains road,	100.00
Town Charges,	1,500.00
Overlay,	43.71

ASSETS.

Cash on hand January 31, 1921,	\$ 667.78
Uncollected Taxes, 1920,	34.93

LIABILITIES.

Due School District,	\$1,691.00
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TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall,	\$3,000.00
Furniture and equipment,	200.00
Library furniture and equipment,	2,000.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings,	350.00
equipment,	150.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Whole number of male dogs licensed, 36,	\$72.00
“ “ of female dogs licensed, 5,	25.00
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	\$97.00
Fee for issuing 41 licenses at 20 cents,	8.20
Paid G. A. Dudley, Treasurer,	88.80
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	\$97.00

FRED P. COMINGS,

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year Ending January 31, 1921.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1920,	\$ 77 80	✓
Received of Newmarket National Bank,	2,000 00	✓
Received from State, highway department maintenance, state aid,	303 02	
Received from State, highway department appropriation,	316 00	
Received from State, railroad tax,	699 51	
Received from State, savings bank tax,	704 91	
Received from F. P. Comings, dog licenses,	88 80	
Received from F. P. Comings, auto permits,	119 55	
Received of Strafford County, board of Lee poor,	25 50	
Received from Charles H. Johnson, collector of taxes for 1919,	270 99	✓
Interest on taxes for 1919,	12 22	
Received from William H. Thompson, collector 1920 tax,	10,893 11	✓
	—————	
	\$15,511 41	

EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders drawn by selectmen,	\$7,301 16	
Frank I. Caldwell, treasurer of		
school district,	2,500 00	
State tax,	1,717 00	
County tax,	1,094 57	
Newmarket National Bank,	2,000 00	
Newmarket National Bank, int ,	87 50	
Strafford National Bank, interest,	5 00	
For revenue stamps,	40	
State on poll taxes,	138 00	
	————	\$14,843 63
Cash on hand		667 78
		————
		\$15,511 41

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Due from William H. Thompson,	\$667 78	
1920	34 93	
	————	
Surplus,		\$702 71
Due School district,	\$1,691 00	
	702 71	
Debt,	————	\$988 29

GEORGE A. DUDLEY,
Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct,

ARTHUR J. THOMPSON,
Auditor,

SELECTMEN'S SUMMARY.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Town officers salaries,	\$ 244 00
Town officers expenses	108 97
Election and Registration,	55 65
Care and supplies for Town Hall,	46 45
Damage by dogs,	65 00
Health Department,	10 00
Vital Statistics,	8 00
State Aid Maintenance,	427 23
Snow bill,	1,429 16
Highways and Bridges,	3,400 05
Repairs on Road Machine,	14 45
Library,	50 25
Memorial Day,	6 00
Abatements,	134 30
Chatman Case,	98 80
State Aid Construction,	1,057 10
New Town Plains Road,	91 00
State tax,	1,717 00
County tax,	1,094 57
School District,	4,191 00

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Arthur J. Thompson, auditor 1920,	\$ 4 00
Horace G. Hill, Selectman,	50 00
Benjamin Lang, “	50 00
Perry L. Harvey, “	50 00

Fred P. Comings, Town Clerk,	\$20 00	
George A. Dudley, Treasurer,	20 00	
William H. Thompson, Tax Collector,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$244 00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES.

Marshall Press, printing reports,	\$56 00	
Frank I. Caldwell, Gate Keeper,	4 00	
Fred P. Comings,	4 25	
James B. Walker, lunches for election,	10 67	
Horace G. Hill, Town Lines,	6 00	
Benjamin Lang, Town Lines,	3 00	
Perry L. Harvey, Town Lines,	6 00	
Fred P. Comings,	9 25	
William H. Thompson, stamps, etc.	9 80	
	<hr/>	\$108 97

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION.

Edison C. Eastman, elec. warrants etc.	\$10 65	
G. B. Thompson, Ballot Clerk,	9 00	
Perry L. Harvey, Gate Keeper,	9 00	
Loren S. Fernald, Ballot Clerk,	9 00	
Frank I. Caldwell, Ballot Inspector,	6 00	
George A. Dudley, Moderator	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$55 65

TOWN HALL.

James B. Walker, wood and supplies	\$16 45
Fred P. Comings, Janitor,	30 00

VITAL STATISTICS.

A. E. Grant, M. D.	\$1 00	
F. P. Comings,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$8 00

STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

Money Available:

	STATE	TOWN	TOTAL
Balance, 1919,	\$271 38	\$180 92	\$452 30
Appropriation, 1920,	300 00	300 00	600 00
Total Fund,	571 38	480 92	1,052 30
Expended,	25 88	377 45	403 33
Balance for 1921,	324 49	224 48	648 97
Paid Wm. B. Caswell,			293 50
Charles Johnson,			83 95

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION.

Money Available:

	STATE	TOWN	TOTAL
Balance 1919,	\$182 60	\$304 32	\$486 92
Appropriation, 1920,	314 40	786 00	1,140 00
Total Fund,	497 00	1,090 32	1,587 32
Expended,	35 72	1,043 11	1,078 83
Balance for 1921,	145 28	363 21	508 49

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J. True Bartlett,	\$ 17 28
John H. Currier,	212 80
Charles A. Piper,	180 00
Warren D. Sawyer,	240 22
William B. Caswell,	29 50
Charles H. Johnson,	4 00
Charles A. Piper,	31 80
William B. Caswell,	27 00
D. W. Layne,	15 60
Warren D. Sawyer,	148 77
Charles A. Piper,	16 00
Perry L. Harvey, bridge signs,	3 50

Paid William B. Caswell,	\$36 00	
Charles A. Piper,	339 90	
William B. Caswell,	45 00	
Warren D. Sawyer,	80 00	
Charles A. Piper,	20 00	
Perry L. Harvey,	28 34	
Perry L. Harvey,	117 73	
Perry L. Harvey,	75 55	
John Currier,	391 05	
Warren D. Sawyer,	95 00	
Charles A. Piper,	37 00	
William B. Caswell,	20 00	
Orrin M. James,	19 35	
Chase and Janvin,	700 43	
William B. Caswell,	21 50	
John Currier,	69 20	
Charles G. Dame,	175 00	
Newmarket Exchange,	26 25	
Charles A. Piper,	8 00	
D. Chesley & Co.,	15 00	
H. G. Hill,	3 00	
J. H. Roberts,	150 28	
	<hr/>	\$3,400 05
N. E. Road Machine Co., repairs		
on road machine,		\$14 45

SNOW BILL.

Paid John I. Fernald,	\$ 48 23
John I. Fernald,	245 79
James M. Lee,	667 03
J. True Bartlett,	212 25
James M. Lee,	37 00
John I. Fernald,	43 20

Paid John Currier,	\$57 34	
Jesse Smith for J. True Bartlett,	29 72	
Lee Fibre Co., for J. True Bartlett,	27 00	
Geo J. Penneo, for J. True Bartlett,	24 80	
Charles A. Piper,	7 60	
Charles Freeman,	5 40	
Warren D. Sawyer,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,429 16

CHATMAN CASE.

Expenses for Chatman case,	\$98 80
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ABATEMENTS.

Fred Allen, paid in Epping,	\$5 00
Willis Fernald, paid in Nottingham,	5 00
Eugene Foster, over 70	5 00
Charles B. Harvey, paid in Epping,	5 00
George H. James, out of town,	5 00
Herman Keniston, too young,	5 00
George E. Munroe, paid in Strafford,	3 00
Charles H. Mitchell, left town,	5 00
John Nelson, left town,	5 00
John Perkins, left town,	5 00
Lester Sawyer, left town,	3 00
Sargent Smith, left town,	5 00
Arthur E. Thompson, left town,	5 00
Harvey Whitehouse, Jr., left town,	5 00
Jesse Williams, left town,	5 00
Frank Robert, paid in Derry,	5 00
Frank Young, paid in Dover,	5 00
Fred Bassett, left state,	5 00
Ernest Eaton, not to be found,	5 00
Charles Stillson, not to be found,	5 00

Everett, Thompson, paid in Dover,	\$5 00	
Horace Clay, paid in Strafford,	5 00	
Albert Caverno, paid in Kittery, Me.	5 00	
Herman B. Kenniston, no property,	14 80	
G. B. Haley, overtaxed,	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$134 30

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct, with proper vouchers.

ARTHUR J. THOMPSON,

Auditor

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LEE.

Estimates of revenue and expenditures for the ensuing year, January 31, 1921, to January 31, 1922, compared with actual revenue and expenditures of the previous year, January 31, 1920 to January 31, 1921.

From State:

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue 1920	Estimated Revenue, 1921
Railroad tax,	\$ 699 51	\$ 699 51
Savings bank tax,	704 91	704 91
Highways, State Aid Maintenance,	221 01	250 00
All licenses and permits except dog tax,	119 55	125 00
Dog licenses,	88 80	88 80
From poll taxes,	613 00	650 00
From state for State Aid Highway, construction,	316 00	316 00
Amt. raised by issue of bonds on notes,	1,500 00	
Total revenues from all sources ex- cept property taxes,	4,554 43	
Amount raised by property taxes,*	10,563 32	

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES.

Current Maintenance Expenses:

Town officers salaries,	\$ 244 00
Town officers expenses,	108 97
Election and Registration expenses,	55 65
Care of and supplies for Town Hall,	46 45
Damage by dogs,	65 00

Health: Vital Statistics,	\$ 18 00
Highways and Bridges:	4,829 21
State Aid Maintenance,	427 23
State contribution,	221 01
Town contribution,	206 22
General exp. of Highway Dept.,	14 45
Education and Library,	50 25
Memorial Day,	6 00
Highways and Bridges:	
State Aid Construction,	
Town's contribution,	727 11
State's Contribution,	316 00
Indebtedness:	
State taxes,	1,717 00
County taxes,	1,094 57
Payment to school districts,	4,191 00

HIGHWAY AGENTS' ACCOUNTS.

Charles A. Piper, received of town,		\$538 65
Paid Jasper Robinson,	\$ 1 80	
Dan Shannon,	44 00	
John H. Piper,	7 80	
Ben Lang,	98 00	
Charles Piper,	203 05	
Perry Harvey,	60	
John French,	48 00	
Charles Revere,	3 60	
Allen Harvey,	1 60	
Brad Caswell,	4 00	
John Demeritt,	21 60	
Will Ryan,	41 60	
James' Rollins,	58 00	
Ed. Bloom,	5 00	
		\$ 538 65

BRIDGES.

Charles A. Piper, received of town,		\$101 50
Paid John Piper,	\$39 50	
Charles Piper,	50 15	
Ben Lang,	4 00	
Dan Shannon,	4 00	
Jasper Robinson,	4 00	
		\$101 65

Warren D. Sawyer in account with the Town of Lee for 1820.

SNOW BILL, MARCH 1920.

Received of town,		\$15 20
Paid Ellsworth Garrity,	\$3 60	

Paid John T. Sawyer,	\$4 60	
Warren D. Sawyer,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$15 20

CULVERTS AND BRIDGES.

Received of Town,		\$118 85
Repairing Fernald bridge,(\$80 00)	\$ 3 85	
Paid E. J. York, two stringers and cement,	\$57 60	
W. D. Sawyer, team and labor,	22 40	
W. D. Sawyer repairing culverts,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$118 85

Warren D. Sawyer, in account with the Town of Lee, 1920.

Received of Town for labor on highway,		\$444 95
Paid Frank I. Caldwell,	\$60 50	
Ellsworth M. Garrity,	71 00	
Edward Tarrel,	9 05	
S. W. Sherburn,	16 00	
Eugene H. Sawyer,	24 00	
John T. Sawyer,	60 50	
Warren D. Sawyer,	203 90	
	<hr/>	\$444 95
Received from Town,		\$579 00

NEW TOWN PLAINS ROAD REPAIR.

Horace G. Hill, received of Town,		\$91 00
Paid H. G. Hill,	\$23 00	
Dexter Layne,	16 00	
Loren Fernald,	24 00	
Wm. Hanson,	6 00	
Frank Clay,	6 00	
Alonzo Langmaid,	6 00	
Sumner Layne,	3 00	

Paid Victor Coutre,	\$3 00	
Town of Madbury,	1 00	
Frank L. Dinsmore,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$91 00

CINDERS AT LEE DEPOT, 1920.

Perry L. Harvey, received of Town,		\$121 38
Paid Benjamin Lang,	\$16 00	
William E. Ryan,	18 22	
John French,	9 78	
Perry L. Harvey,	22 78	
James Rollins,	3 56	
Elmer Kenniston,	5 33	
W. A. Plummer,	20 44	
	<hr/>	\$96 11
Perry L. Harvey, received of Town,		\$25 27
Paid Thomas Brewitt, bridge signs,	\$3 50	
P. L. Harvey, unloading bridge plank,	7 78	
P. L. Harvey, getting and posting signs,	4 88	
P. L. Harvey, going to Dover and expenses,	9 11	
	<hr/>	\$25 27

STATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION FOR 1920.

Perry L. Harvey, received of Town,		\$1,043 11
Paid Perry L. Harvey,	\$167 79	
James Rollins,	61 33	
John French,	89 77	
William E. Ryan,	113 77	
Benjamin Lang,	177 32	
William A. Plummer,	160 00	

Paid Jacob Cilley,	\$87 11	
Leon Dame,	24 00	
Elmer Keniston,	46 22	
Joshua M. Cook,	6 67	
John Demeritt,	4 00	
C. L. Jenness, dyn. caps and fuse,	26 75	
A. J. Turcotte, shovels, picks and handles,	16 00	
W. A. Plummer, lantern and oil,	2 28	
Berry & Shorey, fuse,	1 00	
H. A. Crouse, sharpening drills,	2 70	
W. A. Plummer, 284 loads gravel,	28 40	
W. J. Thurston, 108 loads gravel,	10 80	
P. L. Harvey, use of auto,	17 20	
	<hr/>	\$1,043 11

DEARBORN'S CULVERT.

John Currier,	\$58 50	
Grover Smith,	26 00	
Horace Davis,	25 00	
Darius Mariotti,	20 00	
Walter Smith	4 90	
George Chesley, gravel,	1 00	
Spikes,	40	
	<hr/>	\$135 80

DAME'S BRIDGE.

Unloading and hauling plank from Lee depot for bridges.

John Currier,	\$12 00
Norman Demeritt,	12 00

Labor on bridge.

John Currier,	6 00
Darius Mariotti,	6 00

Norman Demeritt,	\$4 00
John Currier, patching bridge,	2 00
Nails,	40

\$42 40

THOMPSON BRIDGE.

John Currier, cutting and hauling strigers, . .	\$ 6 00
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Hewing Strigers.

John Currier,	4 00
True Bartlett,	6 00

Labor on Bridge.

John Currier,	26 00
Walter Smith,	12 00
Darius Mariotti,	8 00
Grover Smith,	4 00
Granville Thompson,	2 00
Spikes,	80
Nails,	40

\$69 20

LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

John Currier,	\$169 95
Norman Demeritt,	64 00
Walter Smith,	48 00
Darius Mariotti,	39 13
Grover Smith,	36 00
Elsworth Garrity,	36 00
Charles Dame,	8 00
John Currier, gravel,	7 60
Frank Burleigh,	4 00
Warren Sawyer,	6 00
Everett Dalton,	3 11

Warren Kelsey,	\$1 78
James Lee, gravel,	1 00
Frank Lang, putting knife on road machine, . .	25
Express on road machine parts,	83

\$425 65

Breaking Roads and Shoveling Snow.

John Currier,	\$20 45
Darius Mariotti,	12 00
Norman Demeritt,	8 00
Wood Burleigh,	8 00
Everett Dalton,	5 33
Grover Smith,	3 56

\$57 34

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARY OPEN TO PUBLIC SATURDAYS FROM TWO TO FOUR P. M.

Books added this year, the first fourteen by gift, the remainder purchased:

The Glories of Ireland,	Dunn and Lennox
Life of Henry Ward Beecher,	Joseph Howard, Jr.
The Battle with the Slums,	Riis
School, College and Character,	Briggs
The Aristocracy of Health,	Henderson
The Lady of the Lake,	Scott
Sir Roger De Coverly Papers,	Addison
Lays and Legends,	E. Nesbit
Sonnets of the Century,	Wm. Sharp
The Psychology of Bolshevism,	John Spargo
Present Problems in Foreign Policy,	David J. Hill
The Economic Consequences of the Peace,	John M. Keynes
American Foreign Policy,	Butler
Soldiers and Sailors of France in the Amer- ican War for Independence,	Capt. Joachim Merlant
Tom Slade on the River,	Percy K. Fitzhugh
Tom Slade with the Colors,	Percy K. Fitzhugh
Tom Slade on a Transport,	Percy K. Fitzhugh
When Max Came,	Edna A. Brown
The Lamp in the Desert,	Ethel M. Dell
The Red Seal,	Natalie S. Lincoln
Erskine Dale, Pioneer,	John Fox, Jr.
The Silent Witness,	Austin Freeman
The Swindler,	Ethel M. Dell

The Boarded Up House,
 A Poor Wise Man,
 Penrod and Sam,
 The Wilderness Trail,
 Deacon Babbit,
 The Portygee,
 Six Star Ranch,
 The Man of the Forest,
 Rainbow Island,
 The Great Impersonation,
 Mary Marie,

Augusta B. Seaman
 Mary Roberts Rinehart
 Booth Tarkington
 Harold Bindloss
 Edgar G. Blackman
 Joseph C. Lincoln
 Eleanor Porter
 Zane Grey
 Edna Brown
 Oppenheim
 Eleanor Porter

LULU B. WALKER,
 ALFRED C. DURGIN,
 FRED P. COMINGS,
 Trustees.

ACCOUNT OF TREASURER OF LEE PUBLIC
 LIBRARY.

On hand, Jan. 31, 1920,	\$16 31	
Received from Town,	25 25	
	—————	\$41 56
Paid for books,	\$27 28	
On hand, Jan. 31, 1921,	14 28	
	—————	\$41 56

F. P. COMINGS,
 Treasurer.

TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF LEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1921.

Date of Trust.	Purpose of Trust Fund.	How Invested.	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest Per Cent.	Bal. Income Beginning of Year.	Income for Year.	Expended during Year.	Bal. Income on Hand End of Year
1916	I. G. Chesley Cemetery Fund	Strafford Savings Bank	\$300 00	4	\$344 73	\$13 76		\$358 49
1914	Thomas W. Thompson Cemetery Fund	Strafford Savings Bank	100 00	4	122 39	4 88		127 27
1915	Thomas J. Davis Cemetery Fund	Strafford Savings Bank	150 00	4	176 70	7 04		183 74
1910	Old Parish Cemetery Fund	Strafford Savings Bank	400 00	4	419 25	16 76		436 02

J. B. WALKER,
Trustees.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of
Lee, qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the nineteenth day of March, 1921, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.
8. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate to make necessary repairs in the South School building.

Given under our hands at said Lee.

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON,
HELEN B. McRAE,
FRED P. COMINGS,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—ATTEST:

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON,
HELEN B. McRAE,
FRED P. COMINGS,
School Board.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE.

For the year Sept. 1, 1919, to Sept. 1, 1920.

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of District Officers,	\$ 65 00	
Superintendents salary,	211 45	
School census,	5 00	
Expense of administration,	39 92	
	<hr/>	\$321 37

TEACHERS SALARIES.

Greta B. Gulliver,	\$612 00	
Esther Goodall,	240 00	
Ellen C. Hoitt,	484 00	
Stella P. Wentworth,	357 00	
Martha Walker,	175 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,868 00

Text books,	\$155 30	
Scholars supplies,	132 49	
Flags and appurtenances,	7 68	
Other expenses of instruction,	6 68	
Janitor service,	49 80	
Fuel,	130 50	
	<hr/>	\$482 45

Janitors supplies,	\$ 55 42	
Minor repairs,	56 88	
Medical inspection,	164 00	
	<hr/>	\$276 30

HIGH SCHOOLS AND ACADEMY.

Dover High School,	\$330 00	
Newmarket High School,	105 00	
Epping High School,	50 00	
Kimball Union Academy,	55 00	
	<hr/>	\$580 00
New equipment,		\$21 73
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		\$3,509 85
Balance on hand, Sept. 1, 1920,		530 36
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		\$4,040 21

ASSETS SEPTEMBER 1, 1920.

Cash,	\$530 36
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LIABILITIES SEPTEMBER 1, 1920.

One-half officers salaries,	\$35 00	
Elementary Tuition, Newmarket,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$53 00
Surplus,	\$477 00	
	<hr/>	\$530 36

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON,
HELEN B. McRAE,
FRED P. COMINGS,
School Board.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast with corresponding vouchers.

G. H. SAWYER,
F. C. YORK,
Auditors.

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR BEGINNING SEPT. 1, 1921.

1. Salaries of District officers,	\$70 00
2. Superintendent's excess salary,	75 00
3. Truant officer and school census,	5 00
4. Expenses of administration,	15 00
5. Teachers' salaries,	2,600 00
6. Text books,	105 00
7. School Supplies,	140 00
8. Flags and appurtenances,	10 00
9. Other expenses of instruction,	10 00
10. Janitor service,	81 00
11. Fuel,	150 00
12. Water, light and janitor supplies,	25 00
13. Minor repairs and expenses,	134 00
14. Medical inspection,	75 00
16. High School tuition,	800 00
17. Elementary school tuition,	63 00
22. Alterations,	300 00
26. Tax for State-wide supervision,	180 00
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	\$4,838 00

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE, SEPT. 1, 1921.

1. Available from taxation, \$5.00 per \$1,000 .	\$2,680 12
2. Selectmen's assessment for H. S. tuition . .	800 00
3. Selectmen's assessment for salaries District officers,	70 00
4. Selectmen's assessment for per capita super- visory tax,	180 00
5. Dog licenses,	20 00
6. Elementary school tuition,	40 00
7. Appropriation for repairs and alterations, .	300 00
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	\$4,090 12

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

February 10, 1921.

To the Board of Education:

I have the honor to submit a report of my service from September 1, 1920, to February 1, 1921. It was a matter of great satisfaction in taking up the work of supervision to find that my predecessor had left matters in a most excellent state of organization.

The teaching positions, with one exception, had been filled by the selection of experienced and capable teachers who have given us splendid service. The clerical details had been attended to so carefully that it was a simple matter to carry on the routine of office work. The enlargement of the Supervisory Union, of which the Lee District was a unit, has made it impossible for a superintendent to give as much attention to any one district as formerly, but it has been the purpose of your present Superintendent to be immediately available whenever his services were sought, for any form of community enterprise. The forethought of the joint committee of the Union in providing clerical assistance made it possible for me to spend the greater part of my time in actual supervision and in developing educational plans. The arrangement during the present year, of providing a substitute teacher and clerk for the Union, has proved to be beneficial. While only two districts have needed her teaching service thus far, this teacher has been able to give valuable aid in the exacting work of child accounting, collection of data, and tabulating standardized test scores. Furthermore,

she is available, in case of need, to substitute for any teacher in the Union.

Teachers.

Between 300,000 and 400,000 children were deprived of schooling last year as a result of the shortage of teachers, according to estimates made by P. P. Claxton, Federal Commissioner of Public Education. No relief for the situation is seen by the commissioner. From 110,000 to 150,000 new teachers will be needed next year, but there will be only 30,000 prepared teachers to fill vacancies, leaving a deficit of 80,000.

Fortunately, in spite of the dearth of teachers, we secured valuable assistants to conduct the work of instruction in our schools. These teachers had records of successful experience elsewhere and they have done excellent work for us. They have inculcated in the pupils a commendable spirit of co-operative interest which augurs well for the future development of our school system. With the retention of our present staff, the schools will continue to prosper. In view of the unusual living conditions forced upon them, we have secured our teaching staff at remarkably low salaries. The average wage was \$581 for the year 1919. This amounts to \$11.17 per week, for the twelve months during which a teacher must pay her living expenses. During the school year she must pay \$5.50 per week for board and room, leaving \$5.67 per week for clothing, traveling expenses, professional advancement, sickness, insurance, benevolence and thrift. No wonder that a noted educator said recently: "Teaching is not a profession now, it is a procession." The attractive financial returns of various branches of industry make it increasingly difficult to find men and women who are willing to give the best years of their lives to the education of our children without hope, at least, of a living wage in return. The situa-

tion is serious. Even by offering attractive wages teachers cannot be obtained in sufficient numbers to keep all schools open. The towns that provide the best conditions will suffer least in the pedagogical famine.

Our qualifications for teachers are becoming more rigid as we endeavor to surround our boys and girls with noble characters possessing a high standard of professional skill. It is no longer possible for a teacher to eke out her meager stipend by gainful employment during the summer. She must make herself increasingly efficient by advanced professional study and by mental and physical recuperation. We should do all possible to aid our teachers to secure a freshness and vigor in their work which will react for the mental and moral growth of our children.

An increase of about 25 per cent in the salary schedule for the current year has relieved, in part, the acute financial situation in which one who tried to teach and live in Lee became involved. Our present corps of teachers is a fine body of co-operating assistants, and we have been fortunate to retain their services for so long a period at the salary offered. Due to dissatisfaction with living conditions, it has been necessary to change teachers at the Center on two different occasions.

Following is the teaching roster at present:

Greta B. Gulliver, South School, graduate of Augusta, Me., High School, 1915, election 1919.

Marian D. Cram, Center School, graduate of New Hampshire College, 1916, election 1920.

Ellen C. Hoitt, North School, graduate of Dover High School, 1919, election 1920.

School Organization.

In line with modern educational development, we should organize our program of study to conform to the finding of

experts in education who have made exhaustive investigation looking toward the most rapid and thorough training of the body, mind and spirit of the normal child. It is our desire to bring our schools into the van of the standard schools of the State. To do this we should adhere to the curricula suggested by the State Board of Education, which propose concrete work in subjects which offer opportunity for the child to display his inventive proclivities and which develop and sustain an interest in experimental activities. The line of demarcation for this progressive development is at the seventh grade. Here an introduction into several fields of knowledge, such as Practical Arts, Science, Concrete Mathematics and Foreign Languages, often awakens latent power or stimulates a will to know and to achieve. In former days our methods were much wedded to formal discipline and emphasis was placed upon subjects lending themselves most readily to drill and abstraction. This course tended to an increase in the rate of educational mortality which, a decade ago, had reached alarming proportions. The new program tends to keep the children in school beyond the eighth grade; and, furthermore, it is of assistance in the matter of vocational guidance.

The program which I would like to introduce into our schools would be entire and desirable of itself; but furthermore, it is closely correlated with the advanced secondary programs of neighboring high schools. It is as follows:

		Days	Periods
		per Wk.	per Wk.
Grade 7	A. Subjects:		
	U. S. History and Civics,	5	5
	French,	5	5
	Concrete Geometry, Arithmetic,	5	5
	Elementary Science,	3	3
	Man. Training or Cooking, Sewing,	2	4

		Days per Wk.	Periods per Wk.
Grade 7	A. Subjects		
	B. & C. Subjects: Composition, Current Events, Drawing, Gardens, Hygiene, Music, Plays,	5	10
Grade 8	A. Subjects:		
	U. S. History and Civics,	5	5
	French,	5	5
	Concrete Algebra and Arithmetic,	5	5
	Elementary Science,	3	3
	Man. Training or Cooking, Sewing,	2	4
	B. & C. Subjects: as above,	5	10

The above program could not be carried out in a mixed school to its logical conclusion; but if the district should decide to place the seventh and eighth grades in a room by themselves, one of our teachers could present the above courses while our other two teachers could then limit their efforts to the first six grades. In the meantime our pupils who cannot attend a high school are deprived of the advantage of the above enriched curriculum. It is earnestly hoped that full consideration will be given to the advantage of a consolidated school such as is enjoyed by Greenland and Durham. The adoption of a plan for a central school always has operated to the financial as well as the educational advantage of a town. It seems to attract new residents, to increase the value of property, and, ultimately, to establish the tax rate at a stable and satisfactory per centum.

Alterations of Buildings.

In accordance with the vote of last March, the Center school building has been converted into a standard school home for our boys and girls in that section of the town. Consideration should now be given to the needs of the build-

ing which houses more than half of our school population. The toxic effect of fatigue is quickly evidenced in this school because of insufficient and improperly arranged light area, inadequate heating and ventilating apparatus, and a seating arrangement that long has been in the discard among progressive schools. The pupils in our schools are a splendid asset of our town—the best asset which it possesses. Let us determine that this asset shall be conserved, nourished and developed in an atmosphere that is invigorating, healthful and homelike.

Health Supervision.

In accordance with the beneficent provision of the new educational law all pupils received the services of a medical inspector, whose diagnosis of physical defects, at least, relieved thoughtful parents and guardians of the bliss of ignorance. If the part time service of a district nurse could be secured to follow up the cases needing attention, the district would be more nearly fulfilling its function as a guardian of child welfare.

Following is the Health Summary:

Examiner, Dr. J. D. Butler. School year, 1919–1920.

No. of pupils examined, 87.

No. of teachers examined, 4.

Cases found by examiner: Anæmia, 1; defective teeth, 33; nervous disease, 1; hypertrophical tonsils, 11; adenoids, 3; enlarged glands, 1; mal-nutrition, 1; unvaccinated, 42; defective vision, 1. Parents were notified of these defects and the law regarding vaccination was enforced.

Co-operation on the part of parents in the remedying of the indicated defects would not only confer a lasting blessing upon the afflicted child, but would also react to promote better attendance at school and higher accomplishment in the class room.

School Census.

	1919	1920*
Whole No. of children 5-16 years of age:		
Boys,	28	43
Girls,	45	40
	—	—
Total,	83	83
No. registered in public schools,	78	67
No. attending high school or academy,	7	
No. attending elementary schools out of town,	1	13
No. not attending school anywhere,	8	
No. registered pupils who live in other towns,	1	4
No. of resident children accounted for,	94	
No. of illiterate children 10 to 16 yrs. of age,	1	
No. of defective children,	1	

* Not completed.

Enrollment for Fall Term, 1920.

	Grades								
Schools	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
North,	1	2	3	1	2	1	3	0	13
Center,	4	6	4	3	2	0	3	0	22
South,	2	4	5	2	10	1	4	5	33
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Total,	7	12	12	6	14	2	10	5	68

AGE-GRADE TABLE, 1919-1920.

Age	Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Under 5										0
5-6		6	1							7
6-7		4	9							13
7-8		2	1	2	3					8
8-9			1	2	6					9
9-10				1	4		1	1		7
10-11				1	1	0	4	2		8
11-12					2		5	2	4	13
12-13								1	5	6
13-14							2		0	2
14-15								1	1	2
15-16									3	3
Totals		<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>78</u>
P. C. Overage		17	8	33	19	0	17	14	31	19

Figures in heavy type denote normal ages. Age of admission should be six to seven years, but the majority of our children have been admitted in previous years at the age of five. Based upon that age of admission, the percentage of retardation is very high.

The particular disgrace brought upon our schools last year was the lack of respect for the law of school attendance and the laxity of parental discipline manifested by those whose duty it was to place pupils in school at the beginning of the session. A good parent-citizen will respect the law which requires one having the custody of a child to cause said child to be in an assigned school "all the time the school is in session." If a session opens at 9.00 A. M., and a pupil is not present until 9.01 A. M., a law of the State and of parental discipline has been violated. We do not need to concern ourselves with the bolshevist alien in our large cities so much as we should with the lack of respect for law and order in our own citizen group. The average attendance last year was 91%, which is below the average for the State. A percentage lower than 95 is poor. The record of tardiness is the blackest blot on our school system. There may be a good reason for an absence, but there usually is none for a tardiness. The State average of per pupil tardiness last year was .3. The average in the schools of Lee was 2.9.

The co-operation of parents, pupils, teachers and citizens is solicited to develop a better public spirit than is indicated in this record.

Measurements.

In line with recent investigation of a diagnostic character the work of the classroom has been subjected to comparison with standardized scales or measures which give a more accurate criterion by which to pass upon the work of the pupil than would be obtained if the merit of the work were judged by the opinion of the teachers or superintendent. The application of these scales is of great value in grouping more accurately those pupils whose achievement shows that they should work together. In general the tests showed our pupils to be generally above the median in arithmetic and below the average in reading ability. The Weedy tests, series B in arithmetic, and the Adams tests in reading revealed the following achievements:

		Add.	Sub.	Mul.	Div.	Reading	Speed	Comp.
Grade 2	Median	6.7	3.3	3		Average	151	13.5
	Standard	4.5	3			Standard	95	15
	Median	7.5	4.5	4.5	1.5	Average	66	10
Grade 3	Standard	9	6	3.5	3	Standard	145	22
	Median	10.5	8.5	9.5	5.5	Average	210	22.8
Grade 4	Standard	11	8	7	5	Standard	165	30
Grade 5	No Pupils							
Grade 6	Median	14	13	15	9	Average	168	26
	Standard	16	12	15	10	Standard	180	40
	Median	15	12	18	11	Average	217	31.5
Grade 7	Standard	18	13	17	13	Standard	220	45
	Median	16.5	14.4	18.5	14	Average	202	33
Grade 8	Standard	18.5	14.5	18	14	Standard	250	50

The diagnostic value of these and similar tests is readily seen and the natural deduction is that teachers should familiarize themselves with scientific methods in order to study the results with a view of correcting revealed deficiencies.

Morale.

The depressing effect of a lack of community spirit communicates itself very readily to the impressionable child. If parents are not sufficiently interested in our schools to visit them, to hold conferences with teachers, to require prompt and continuous attendance by their children, then the morale of any school system must remain low in spite of a zealous teaching and administrative staff. Our attendance record has not been as good as it should be. Interest in school life must be fostered by every conceivable method to remedy such a condition. Vocational courses, organized plays and games, in a well-equipped playground, social diversions, opportunity for public appearance at entertainments and dramatic exercises, all will aid in building up a better "school spirit."

Conclusion.

With full recognition of the claims of six districts which comprise his Supervisory Union, your Superintendent has endeavored to give an impartial allotment of his time, talent and energy to each one. He recognizes that twenty-four hours do not hold enough minutes to enable him to give his attention to the many problems pressing for solution. However, he is appreciative of the sympathetic support of the members of your board, the loyal co-operation of our splendid staff of teachers, and the ready response of parents and pupils for the successful issue of any plans he may have promulgated.

Early in the year the entire corps of teachers in the Union were called together for a conference on aims and methods for the year's work. Among others, this observation was made: "The social efficiency of our product will be the test of our success as teachers. Our educational youth must possess a threefold endowment—a fund of habits, a fund of

ideals and a fund of knowledge." We press on to this goal. An association of the teachers was formed, and monthly meetings, at which attendance is voluntary, have been held. These have been conducted by the teachers themselves and have been provocative of much cultural value as well as the development of professional pride in achievement. Your Superintendent has been in attendance at each meeting of the association. He has also attended the State Teachers Association of New Hampshire and Maine, the Rockingham and Strafford County Institutes, five Superintendents Conferences, held by the State Board, the New England Superintendents Conference, and attended the summer session at Columbia University. He was called upon to deliver fifty-six public addresses during the year 1919-1920, and has responded to thirty-eight more requests thus far this year.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN O. WELLMAN,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LEE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Amount in treasury Aug. 31, 1919,	\$ 418 42	
Received from Town,	3,603 79	
Received from Barrington,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,040 21

EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders of School Board,	\$3,509 85	
Balance on hand, Aug. 31, 1920,	530 38	
	<hr/>	\$4,040 21

FRANK I. CALDWELL,
Treasurer.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the
School Treasurer and find them correct.

G. H. SAWYER,
F. C. YORK,
Auditors.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LEE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex and Cond				Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
			Males.	Females.	Living or Stillborn.	No. Child.							
April 8	Lee, N.H.	Goldie Louise	F	L	1	W	Jos. Wesley Harvey	Cora J. Blaisdell	W	Lee, N. H.	Garage man	Nottingham ¹	Epping
June 2	"	Pearl	F	F	6		Darius Mariotti	Edna Proctor		"	Farmer	Italy	Durham
July 31	"	Ada	F	F	5		Forrest C. James	Edna L. Stevens		"	Leatherboard maker	Lee	Middleton
Aug. 1	"	Gertrude	F	F	9		Benjamin Lang	Sadie Wiggin		"	Farmer	Lee	Newmarket
Aug. 28	"	Mildred E.	F	F	1		George W. Young	Ella Taylor		"	Farmer	Rochester	Lowell, Mass.
Nov. 16	"	Urban E.	M		2		Urban E. Ricker	Hazel B. Smith		"	Mechanic	Strafford	Keene

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LEE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920.

ate of Death	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.						Father.	Mother.		
Mar. 5	Nashua, N. H.	Frank Haley	70	0	12	Lee	M	w	M	Postmaster	Lee	Nottingham	John Parkman Haley	Lydia Ann Gile
April 10	Lee, N. H.	Clayton H. Plumer			10	Northwood	M		s		Lee	Northwood	Edwin H. Plumer	Ila H. Davis
April 11	" "	Louis H. Snell	60	6	17	Lee	M		M	Farmer	Lee	Lee	Nehemiah C. Snell	Martha A. Hanson
June 1	" "	Elizabeth A. Burleigh	75	4	21	Lee	F		M	Housewife	Epping	Lee	John Dow	Susan Critcherson
June 8	" "	Sarah J. Stimpson	75	9	20	Lee	F		w	Housewife	Barrington	Nottingham	Peliah Jones	Sophia Demeritt
Sept. 28	" "	Sarah Abby Warren	82	9	12	New Castle	F		w	Housewife			Richard Bickford	Eliza Amaceene
BROUGHT TO TOWN FOR BURIAL.														
Feb. 6	Haverhill, M'ss	Alice G. Redlow	51	7	2	Lee	F	w	M					
May 25	Freedon, N. H.	Ben Dow Comings	40	10	28	Lee	M		M	Lumber mill	Boston, Mass.	Joliet, Ill.	Albert L. Comings	Emma Dow
June 2	Dover, N. H.	Martha A. Snell	84	1	17	Lee	F		w					
Nov. 18	Newfields, N.H.	Grace F. Clark	12	1	21									

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. FRED P. COMINGS, TOWN CLERK.



